

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1889.

Streets, Sidewalks and Sewers.

By the new law for the government of townships the Council are authorized to appropriate money for regulating, cleaning and keeping in repair streets and highways.

The construction of roads, the paving of sidewalks, curbing, and the building of sewers are to be done at the expense of property-owners fronting on the improvement.

The adoption of this law will inevitably work an entire change in the present method of building roads and paving sidewalks. Trap rock may, it is true, be used to improve the present roads, but when laid to any considerable depth will be liable to meet with obstruction as being in fact the construction of a new road.

The evident intent of the law is to require the property fronting on the improvement to pay the cost, for which ample time is given.

In case the expense shall exceed the benefits resulting to the property, the excess shall be paid by the township at large.

This method of building roads and sidewalks is the one in use in all large cities, and is generally approved. Under it most of the pavements in the neighboring cities and townships have been laid. In exceptional cases, where the whole cost of the improvement would be greater than the property could bear, the township at large can well afford to bear a part of the burden.

A difficulty is likely to be found in the way of building sewers. No authority exists to empty sewage into running streams, and no artificial means exists of reaching tide-water through the neighboring townships. Some method may, however, be devised for overcoming this difficulty.

Railway Bridges.

With the exception of the bridges on Ridgewood avenue and Baldwin street, the bridges over the N. Y. & G. I. R. R. are either clumsy or in bad condition.

For several years there has been no bridge either at Highland or Sherman avenue, although the residents near by and the Township Committee have alternately begged and threatened the Railroad Company to build them.

The bridge on Forest avenue is closed to travel, awaiting the slow and uncertain motion of the Railway Company.

At the best this bridge is a superfluity. A slight change of streets would at once accommodate the neighborhood and relieve the company of the expense of its construction and maintenance.

Osborn street might well be extended to Ridgewood avenue, closing Forest avenue from its south line and dispensing with the bridge altogether. Relieved of this expense, the company might be encouraged to build bridges at the other avenues.

A depot placed either at Ridgewood or Sherman avenues would be central and accommodate a large number of commuters and other travelers.

Legal proceedings are apt to end in disappointment; a little self-help in the way of providing a depot might prove to be time and money well spent.

AN ORDINANCE

Relating to the holding of a Special Election to decide for or against Incorporation.

WHEREAS, The Township of Bloomfield has a population exceeding six thousand inhabitants;

And whereas the petition in writing of at least fifty resident freeholders of said Township, signed by said petitioners has been presented to the Township Committee of said Township requesting said Township Committee to pass an ordinance for the holding of a Special Election in said Township for the purpose of deciding whether said Township shall become incorporated under the provisions of an act of the Legislature entitled: "An Act Providing for the Formation and Government of Towns," approved April 24, 1888;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Bloomfield that a Special Election be held in the Township of Bloomfield on the Twelfth Day of February Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-nine, from Sunrise to Sunset of said day, at the regular Polling Places in the First, Second and Third Election Districts of said Township, that is to say: In the First Election District at the Phoenix House on Bloomfield avenue, in the Second Election District at the Excelsior House on Broad street, in the Third Election District at the Essex Truck House on Glenwood avenue, for the purpose of deciding whether the Township of Bloomfield shall become incorporated as a Town under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of New Jersey entitled: "An Act Providing for the Formation and Government of Towns," approved April 24, 1888.

THOMAS OAKES, Chairman.

EDWARD F. FARRAND, Township Clerk.

Bloomfield, N. J., Jan. 2, 1889.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Reward of Ten Dollars is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person, or persons, breaking windows or doing other damage with a stone.

By order of the Township Committee.

THOMAS OAKES, Chairman.

EDWARD F. FARRAND, Township Clerk.

Bloomfield, N. J., Nov. 14th 1888.

The Brandy Cigarette.

"This is the latest in Boston," said a man to a reporter, in the rotunda of the Grand Pacific, yesterday, and he held up a partially rolled cigarette between the thumb and forefinger of his right hand.

"What, to manufacture your own smokes?"

"No, brandy cigarettes,"

"Brandy cigarettes?"

"Yes, they're great. I've been mildly intoxicated for six months, and I haven't tasted a drop of liquor. These cigarettes furnish all the hilarity I desire."

"Yes," he continued, as he drew in a whiff of smoke and let it out in sections between the words, "they beat drinking all hollow. One of these cigarettes has more effect on a person than a drink of whisky, so you can readily see the advantage. They are less expensive, more palatable, do not leave the odor of the beverage, and can be used any time or place with propriety."

"How are they flavored?" he repeated. "Take a quantity of whatever brand of tobacco you prefer and place it in a jar of brandy. Let it soak for a short time. Pour off the brandy and partially dry the tobacco. Put it in a rubber pouch or anything that will retain all hollow. One of these cigarettes, when smoked, will give you a goodly amount of brandy, and a goodly amount of brandy, when smoked, will give you a goodly amount of brandy."

"Just try one," continued the new kind of drunkard, rolling one of the deceptive little packages and handing it to the doubting reporter. As if it were harmless, a match was applied and the reporter drew in about one yard of smoke. That one was enough. In an instant every nerve seemed to be strung. The head grew light and dizzy, while the people in the rotunda suddenly began to stand on their heads and sit beneath their chairs. The Boston man, with what looked like a demoniac grin, murmured something about "its being pleasant," but the reporter went out to cool his brow against a lamppost.—Chicago Tribune.

De Quincy's Defiance.

De Quincy suffered from indigestion. His tastes were a little troublesome to the servant who prepared his repast. Coffee, boiled rice and milk, and a piece of mutton from the loin were the materials that invariably formed his diet. The cook, who had an audience with him daily, received her instructions in silent awe, quite overpowered by his manner, for had he been addressing a duchess he could scarcely have spoken with more deference.

He would couch his request in such terms as these: "Owing to dyspepsia afflicting my system, and the possibility of any additional disarrangement of the stomach, taking place, consequences incalculably distressing would arise; so much so, indeed, as to increase nervous irritation and prevent me from attending to matters of overwhelming importance, if you do not remember to cut the mutton in a diagonal rather than a longitudinal form."—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Transporting a Herd of Buffaloes.

The Manitoba fast freight train from Winnipeg brought in a herd of eighty-three live buffaloes, which were on their way to C. J. Jones' ranch, near Garden City, Kan. Mr. Jones bought these queer cattle from Varden Benson, of the Northwest Territory, who since he has succeeded in raising this herd from five animals captured at that time. Mr. Jones has already on his ranch about fifty head of bison, and a goodly number of animals resulting from a cross between the bison and ordinary beef cattle. The matter of domesticating these animals is attracting much attention among breeders, as the wild bison is almost extinct, and buffalo meat is worth 50 cents a pound in Chicago. A great many curious sightseers visited the Manitoba yards while the cars stood there.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Over Eating.

It is a decree that while civilization cannot live without dining, he might live a great deal longer without so much dining, or rather without dining so extensively. Sir Henry Thompson says that he has been compelled by facts to think that more mischief is done in the form of disease ascribed to civilized man from erroneous habits in eating than from the use of alcoholic drink. He also declared himself in doubt whether improper eating or over eating were not as great a moral evil as inordinate drinking. Many of our best physicians say that the habit of over eating is at the bottom of most troublesome diseases. Doubtless this habit is at first laid in childhood. How many mothers feed their babies as often as they cry, taking it for granted in the most imbecile manner that the baby cries for food, when more often the helpless little victim cries because it already has had too much food. When the stomach once becomes accustomed to being crowded with food, if the supply is cut short there is at first a gnawing sensation that is frequently mistaken for hunger. Persevere a little longer in your abstinence, and you will find yourself benefited by it.—Hall's Journal of Health.

What It Once Meant.

A teacher writes: "One of my pupils who had been teaching during the summer came to me in despair over a sum saying, 'I can't understand sympathizing fractions.'" (When we went to school, years ago, "sympathizing fractions" meant broken candy. We understood, but the teacher didn't. Times change, and we change with them.)—American Missionary.

Stamps Without Mutilage.

When using stamps which have lost their mutilage, a convenient method is to rub them on the moistened flap of the envelope to be stamped. Usually, enough gum will be found on the flap both to seal the letter and attach the stamp.—The Watch.

Geese in Cold Weather.

It has been found that a goose can stand the weather on the thermometer goes to 64 below zero. Then her feathers will save her. Wild ducks can go twelve degrees lower and come out on top.—Chicago Herald.

A paper has been established in China in which articles in Chinese are printed with translations in Volapuk.

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